

A TOUR OF WEST COAST PINOT NOIR

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WILLAMETTE VALLEY



With roughly the same latitude at Burgundy's Côte d'Or, the Willamette Valley claims a similarly long growing season.

A cooler climate yields fresh, ultra-fragrant Pinot Noir with tart red fruit flavors and a high-toned mix of earth, spice, floral and herb notes.

ANDERSON VALLEY



A redwood-lined sliver of Mendocino County where morning fog blankets the vineyards.

Pinots here are made in an unusually wide array of styles some of which are full-bodied, with silky plum, conifer and espresso notes.

SONOMA COAST



Brutal Pacific winds and thick fog make ripening grapes a dicey endeavor on much of the Sonoma Coast.

These Pinots meld intensity with rare finesse rearing wines with vibrant notes of red fruits, rose petal and black tea, and a broad, lingering finish.

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



Sonoma's original "Park Avenue of Pinot Noir," this broad valley is famous for its powerful, velvety renditions of the grape.

Find Pinots with rich, plush cherry flavors, sweet spice and tobacco notes.

LOS CARNEROS



The first U.S. winegrowing region defined by its climate (rather than by political boundaries), it straddles the southern tips of Napa and Sonoma counties.

Rolling, wind-scrubbed hills produce Pinot Noirs with soft tannins, a plush texture and spicy, vibrant cherry and plum notes.

MONTEREY COUNTY



Roughly 100 miles south of San Francisco, this windy peninsula boasts a wide range of microclimates, and hence a range of Pinot styles.

Find Pinots with red and dark fruit flavors and accent notes of tea leaves and minerals.

ARROYO SECO



A small subzone of Monterey County with gravelly soils and a long, very cool growing season.

It yields vibrant Pinot Noirs defined by fresh acidity, moderate alcohol and fragrant mix of dark fruit, licorice and earth notes.

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